

REMARKS

Claims in the case are 8-11, upon entry of this amendment. Claim 8 has been amended, no Claims have been added, and Claims 1-7 have been cancelled without prejudice herein.

Claim 8 has been amended as to form by including a semicolon -- ; -- at the end of step (c). Entry of the present amendment is respectfully requested as it is not deemed to be material or to raise new substantive issues relating to patentability.

Claims 1-7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by United States Patent No. 4,474,667 (Block). In light of the cancellation of Claims 1-7 without prejudice herein, the present rejection is deemed moot. Applicants may further pursue Claims 1-7 in due course (e.g., by means of a Continuing Patent Application).


Applicants note with appreciation the designation of Claims 8-11 as representing Allowable Subject Matter on pages 4 and 5 of the Office Action of 29 March 2005. For purposes of the record, Applicants wish to correct an apparent typographical error in the last sentence of the paragraph bridging pages 4 and 5 of the Office Action, in which "not unobvious" should be replaced with --not obvious-- or --unobvious--.

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In light of the amendments herein and the preceding remarks, Applicants' presently pending claims are deemed to define an invention that is unanticipated, unobvious and hence, patentable. The issuance of a Notice of Allowance as to Claims 8-11 at an early date is respectfully requested.

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